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Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 8, 2003, I would like to petition for an extension of the shortened statutory period for 3 more months up to the statutory limit of 6 months. A check for \$475.00 as directed by MPEP § 710.02(e), 37 CFR 1.136, 37 CFR 1.17, and the USPTO's Inventor's Assistance Line has been included in this correspondence. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.